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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**In re Application of:
Tor Jan Akerlund**

Serial No.: 10/044 639

Confirmation No.: 9370

Filed: January 10, 2002

**For: Apparatus For Positioning
A Tong And Drilling Rig
Provided With Such An
Apparatus**

**MAIL STOP AF
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir,

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Examiner: Gay, Jennifer Hawkins

Customer No.: 36,735

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED NOVEMBER 10, 2004

In response to the Office Action dated November 10, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on February 10, 2005, please enter this Response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/MRKS/0032.C1/WBP for any fees necessary to make the submission of this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 10.